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SUBJ: STATEMENT FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

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1. AMBASSADOR'S PROPOSED STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF
PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS SEEMS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE
TO ME. STEVE MCDONALD HAS MADE A THOUGHTFUL SUGGESTION
FOR A WARMER TONE, BUT I THINK THAT WOULD BE OUT OF PLACE
RIGHT NOW, PARTICULARLY IN THE WAKE OF CASSINGA. THE
STATEMENT IS SHORT, WHICH GROBLER TELLS ME IS VERY MUCH
THE CUSTOM HERE. PROTOCOL WILL WANT AN ADVANCE COPY;
TUESDAY, MAY 30, WILL BE FINE THEY TELL ME.

2. THE CORRECT WAY TO ADDRESS THE PRESIDENT IS AS THE
STATEMENT HAS IT: "MR. STATE PRESIDENT".

3. THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY STILL CALLS FOR STRIPES
AND CUTAWAY. WE WILL ORGANIZE A HAT AS REQUESTED.
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